lines of the Bhavanagar and the U. P. schemes. Nothing could be definitely said now.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to take it that it is still in pendation stage and that the Government are going through it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No definite conclusion has been arrived at. We have written for the Acts passed by those Governments.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to expedite the matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know where they are going to manufacture the palliatives?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I can't answer what is going to happen.

Premature mortality from starvation.

153. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 152, 16th December 1931, regarding premature mortality from starvation, will the Government be pleased to produce the information contained in their promise 'we shall try'?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government have ordered an Economic Survey of the whole State and a Special Officer has been appointed for the purpose. Details regarding the wealth of the State, etc., will be available in his report.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether the solving of the problem of the property-less classes is one of the terms of the reference to the Economic Survey?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The indebtedness of the ryot is one of the items included.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I was referring to the question of the property-less classes.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The terms of reference are so wide that this aspect of the question would also be clear from the Economic Survey.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I want to know definitely whether it is included in the Survey?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, it is.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Is the person appointed to conduct the Survey an expert in these matters? May I know whether he knows anything about mortality at all? Am I wrong in thinking that the Chief Medical Officer or the Director of Public Health is the more appropriate person to deal with this matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—But this is only one of the points that will be collected in the Survey.

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